

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An agent for treating mitochondrial disease; A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering an agent comprising L-arginine and 0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine, to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease.

2. (Currently Amended) The agent formethod of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 1, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

3. (Currently Amended) The agent formethod of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 2, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

4. (Currently Amended) An agent for treating mitochondrial disease; A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease an agent comprising:

      L-arginine;

      at least one selected from the group consisting of ribonucleic acids, ribonucleotides and ribonucleosides; and

      0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

5. (Currently Amended) The agent formethod of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 4, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

6. (Currently Amended) The agent formethod of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 5, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to

0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

7. (Currently Amended) An agent for treating mitochondrial disease; A method of treating mitochondrial disease comprising administering to a patient suffering from mitochondrial disease an agent comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ L-arginine; and

\_\_\_\_\_ 0.2 to 20 parts by weight of L-ascorbic acid per 1 part by weight of L-arginine; and

\_\_\_\_\_ containing no cysteine; ;

\_\_\_\_\_ wherein L-arginine and L-ascorbic acid ~~being~~are dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable solution.

8. (Currently Amended) The agent for~~method~~ of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 7, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 6 parts by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.

9. (Currently Amended) The agent for~~method~~ of treating mitochondrial disease according to claim 8, wherein L-ascorbic acid is contained in the agent in an amount of 0.2 to 0.25 part by weight per 1 part by weight of L-arginine.